

Registered Apprenticeship Technical Assistance Centers (RA TA Centers)

Partnering with the U.S. Department of Labor's (USDOL) Office of Apprenticeship (OA), Registered Apprenticeship Technical Assistance (RA TA) Centers serve as resources to apprenticeship stakeholders and other interested customers. To support Registered Apprenticeship program expansion and modernization, the RA TA Centers will provide technical assistance (TA) services on a national level in critical areas identified below to boost the Registered Apprenticeship system.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE RA TA CENTERS?

The RA TA Centers of Excellence are designated entities that provide technical expertise and services on a national scale to key Registered Apprenticeship program stakeholders and customers to accelerate and support Registered Apprenticeship program expansion. These RA TA Centers support four key areas (outlined below) and provide technical assistance on a national scale to the Registered Apprenticeship community, which increases the effectiveness of appropriated federal funding used for the expansion of Registered Apprenticeship programs across the nation.

WHAT SERVICES WILL THE RA TA CENTERS PROVIDE?

The RA TA Centers develop best practices, success stories, toolkits, and written resources to assist Registered Apprenticeship stakeholders and customers. The RA TA Centers deliver comprehensive technical assistance to the Registered Apprenticeship community on a national scale to foster increased participation of underrepresented populations being served in Registered Apprenticeship programs. The RA TA Centers support national goals including the transparency, usability, and portability of Registered Apprenticeship standards; the overall expansion and modernization of Registered Apprenticeship programs; system alignment of Registered Apprenticeship programs and other WIOA-funded programs; and data integrity.

WHAT ROLES DO THE RA TA CENTERS PLAY IN REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP?

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility RA TA Center – Jobs for the Future

Provides strategies and customized support to employers, education providers, intermediaries, and government entities to drive diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) in Registered Apprenticeships. This RA TA Center aims to:

- ▶ Assist employers in building capacity for inclusive Registered Apprenticeship while increasing employers' accountability for DEIA.
- ▶ Pursue integrated strategies for building the capacity of educational institutions and other stakeholders serving underrepresented populations to engage with the Registered Apprenticeship system.



- ▶ Facilitate partnerships among stakeholders and increase knowledge on equal employment opportunity (EEO) regulations and best practices.
- ▶ Improve demand for diverse talent recruiting, retaining, and advancing underrepresented populations.
- ▶ Develop and disseminate written resources, to include the cultivation of an online community for sharing resources and the delivery of web-based training and virtual events.

Data and Performance and Best Practices RA TA Center - The Council for State Governments (CSG)

Improves Registered Apprenticeship program data alignment and expansion. This RA TA Center aims to:

- ▶ Provide training, support, and sustainability planning to Registered Apprenticeship programs and states by using means such as webinars, white papers, and research materials to improve data collection and data alignment.
- ▶ Leverage relationships with stakeholders to continuously improve general alignment and integration with workforce programs through peer-to-peer trainings and business process analysis and intelligence.
- ▶ Enhance partnerships with workforce development stakeholders through engagement and strategic planning.

Strategic Partnerships and System Alignment RA TA Center – Safal Partners

Accelerates national scaling of apprenticeship by building and sustaining partnerships that support system alignment with the nation’s workforce and education systems. This RA TA Center aims to:

- ▶ Increase understanding about Registered Apprenticeship in the workforce system, leading to doubled workforce system participation in Registered Apprenticeship programs.
- ▶ Provide workforce system training that supports an integrated service delivery approach and development of resources to increase leveraging of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and other federal funding across workforce programs for apprenticeship.

- ▶ Increase employer, education and training provider, intermediary, and workforce system partnerships through development and dissemination of national technical assistance materials, web-based training, and ‘deep dive’ assistance to key stakeholders in a minimum of five states.
- ▶ Collect feedback and promising practices from practitioners and stakeholders in the field to inform new federal and state-level policy recommendations focused on Registered Apprenticeship program acceleration and workforce/education alignment.

Occupations and Standards RA TA Center - Urban Institute

Builds a gold-standard occupational skills infrastructure that increases the transparency, portability, quality, usability, and scalability of the Registered Apprenticeship system. This RA TA Center aims to:

- ▶ Create a comprehensive and modernized online compendium of standards for the Registered Apprenticeship system that integrates those from the federal and state systems.
- ▶ Provide training and technical assistance to Registered Apprenticeship program sponsors to help them use National Occupational Frameworks to develop programs.
- ▶ Promote methodologies and best practices to ensure a sustainable, high-quality Registered Apprenticeship system.

HOW DO I CONTACT A RA TA CENTER?

- ▶ **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility RA TA Center** [Center for Apprenticeship & Work-Based Learning | Jobs for the Future \(JFF\)](#)
- ▶ **Data and Performance and Best Practices RA TA Center** <https://web.csg.org/adap-tac/>
- ▶ **Strategic Partnerships and System Alignment RA TA Center** [Home | Safal \(safalapps.com\)](#)
- ▶ **Apprenticeship Occupations and Standards RA TA Center** [The Registered Apprenticeship Occupations and Standards Center of Excellence | Urban Institute](#)

Learn more about Registered Apprenticeship by exploring the resources provided below::

- ▶ Visit the USDOL’s one-stop source for all things apprenticeship: <http://www.apprenticeship.gov>.
- ▶ Connect with apprenticeship contacts in your state using the [directory of state apprenticeship offices](#).
- ▶ Seeking Partners to help with your Registered Apprenticeship program? Try the Apprenticeship [Partner Finder](#).
- ▶ Find out more about active apprenticeship investments with USDOL’s [Awardee Search Tool](#)